intelligence agencies, reimbursement of security-related expenditure, providing training to State police forces, sharing of intelligence, bringing about inter-State coordination and assistance in development works. Close watch on the situation is maintained. Taking steps as appropriate and necessary, having regard to the situation obtaining, is a continuous process.

Legislation to combat terrorism

321. SHRI RAMDAS AGARWAL:
SHRI DARA SINGH:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware that United Nations in its report has punched huge holes in India's anti-terrorism preparedness by publishing "India lacks capabilities to win terror war" as our terror finance laws do not comply with UN Resolution 1373;

(b) if so,the details thereof;

(c) whether it is a fact that terrorism has reportedly claimed 70,000 lives over the years; and

(d) if so, whether Government propose to bring forward any comprehensive counter terrorism legislation during the ensuing Session of Parliament?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI SHRIPRAKASH JAISWAL): (a) and (b) No such report titled 'India lacks capabilities to win terror war" has been published by the United Nations.

(c) As per available information, a total of 5238 civilians and Security Forces have lost heir lives since 2005 to 31.10.2007 in Jammu & Kashmir, North-Eastern States and naxal affected areas and some other parts of the country due to terrorist violence.

(d) The unlawful Activities (Prevention) Act, 1967 as amended in 2004, has the necessary provisions to deal with all facets of terrorism including financing of terrorism.

Red corridor by Maoists between AP and Chhattisgarh

322. MS. PRAMILA BOHIDAR:
SHRI B. J. PANDA:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Maoists propose to set up a red corridor to facilitate their movement between Andhra Pradesh and Chhattisgarh;

(b) whether this will help the above wing to strengthen their position in several areas of South-West Orissa;

(c) whether armed naxals have been sighted along Ganjam-Kandhamal border in the above sector; and

(d) if so, the action plan of Government to address the above problem?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI SHRIPRAKASH JAISWAL): (a) to (d) Talk of a so-called red corridor is baseless propaganda.

Steps as appropriate are taken for dealing with the naxalite activities, having regard to the situation obtaining and the various inputs received from time to time.

Law and order being a State subject, State Governments concerned undertake necessary action to deal with naxalite activities.